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Title: Regarding reduction in quota of foodgrains for the BPL families from 25 kg to 18 kg.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Sir, I would like to place before the Government some serious issues in Kerala. The Government of Kerala has requested the Central Government to allot 2.11 lakh MT food grains per month. Sir, the allotment was only 1.5 lakh MT. It means, Kerala is getting only 50 per cent of the total demand.

We are discussing the Food Security Act. There is an alarming report available now that there is a reduction of food grains to the BPL families to whom Kerala has been giving 25 kgs. to each BPL family but the same is reduced to 18 kgs. That means, there is a reduction of 7 kgs. This has to be compensated by taking from the open market. The Chief Minister and the Ministers have come and met the Central Food Minister. The promise is that we are ready to give but it is from the open market and also to the APL families. So, it is alarming as it is not possible for any State to give. If it is from the open market, then, they can buy. Hence, I would request the Central Government to compensate the same by providing at target group price.